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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD 27th. NOVEMBER 1992

MEETING OPENED by President Ian VK3FD at 7.40pm with 43 members attending.

APOLOGIES VK3 CFH, AAP, DS, FR, FRO, TDG, IBM, XEX, AEX, NIZ, SE, KGL.

CORRESPONDENCE Letter of thanks from Betty Terrill for Ladies dinner.

MINUTES of previous meeting as circulated confirmed. VEN / CAZ

COMMITTEE MEETING held 19th. November decided that:

5KVA generator would not be hired out.
Honda generator will be hired to club members for a hire fee of \$10.00 per day, maximum 4 days. Deposit \$10.00

2 mtr. Scramble would finish Dec.13th. Restart Feb.1st'93.

Family BBQ to be held at Eureka Stockade Dec 11th. at 6pm.

Committee decisions were ratified by members. FGC / LBA.

TREASURERS REPORT General Account \$237.33. St. George Bank \$4284.83
Accounts for payment \$108.59 Passed FGC / DCS

EDUCATION Next examination 8th. December. Revision night 3rd. December.

TECHNICAL Packet link is nearly complete and RBU is now on Hollowback.

PUBLICITY Norm LBA will be preparing information package for interested members of the public when new regulations are available.

WICEN Gordon FGC advised that Wicen members should not purchase uniform items at present. A discount scheme is being looked at.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved DCS seconded CAZ that Club purchase ARTA book. Carried
Members are reminded that the John Moyle contest is in March

MEETING CLOSED at 8.40pm and members enjoyed a supper of pies and pasties.

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73 Jim VK3CFB

GREETINGS

THE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE OF B. A. R. G. WISH ALL MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES AND THEIR FAMILIES A VERY HAPPY XMAS AND FRUITFUL NEW YEAR AND TRUST THAT THE HOLIDAY PERIOD PASSES SAFELY AND WITH THE UTMOST ENJOYMENT FOR ALL.

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** B.A.R.G 2 METRE SCRAMBLE *** November 1992

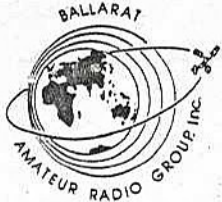
Scores as of 22/11/92

LOG SHEETS SUBMITTED TO IAN VK3EF

VK3DCS.....	222 POINTS
VK3EF.....	215 POINTS
VK3DET.....	209 POINTS
VK3KAY.....	194 POINTS
VK3VEN.....	177 POINTS
VK3CAZ.....	172 POINTS
VK3LBA.....	158 POINTS
VK3FMC.....	143 POINTS
VK3DOK.....	127 POINTS
VK3DIS.....	34 POINTS
VK3XDO.....	24 POINTS
VK3YMW.....	9 POINTS

LOG SHEETS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES
THE OFFICIAL B.A.R.G SCRAMBLE WILL ADJOURN FROM 13TH
DECEMBER UNTIL 31TH JANUARY 1993. THE B.A.R.G CLUB
AND COMMITTEE WISH TO THANK ALL AMATEURS WHO HAVE
PARTICIPATED IN THE SCRAMBLE AND WISH TO EXTEND TO
EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR





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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Usually at this time of the year we reflect on the year that has passed, and look forward to next year, trying to formulate some sort of plan or set of 'resolutions' to enhance our performance or lifestyle for the new year.

In retrospect 1992 was a good year for the club with several members gaining their licences or upgrading their callsigns.

The club was very successful in the competitive field days and, through WICEN, was active in several community exercises

The B.A.R.G. Hamvention was once again a great success and upheld the reputation the Club has attained for this weekend, and the Natter Night introduced during the year has proved to be very popular.

Thank you and congratulations to all members associated with these events.

What is in store for us next year ?

1993 should be a good year for B.A.R.G.. Like a fine wine it comes from good stock, and is definitely improving with age.

The new regulations, yet to be officially announced, indicate that the changes to licensing will swell the Club membership by the introduction of a 'no morse' licence, and will provide more access to other facilities for current licence holders, generating more interest in Packet and UHF.

Our A.T.V. group is progressing well & should have an interesting new year. I am sure that our 'Education Team' will have another successful year with the 'class of '93' commencing on the 18th. February and I am confident that there will be more participants in the competitive events during year.

In short it looks as though 1993 should be a productive and enjoyable year for the Club and I look forward to it immensely.

Margaret and I would like to wish all B.A.R.G. members and their families a VERY HAPPY XMAS AND NEW YEAR and above all a VERY SAFE FESTIVE SEASON.

73 de Ian VK3FD & Margaret

NORM'S NATTER

MY WORD HASN'T TIME FLOWN THIS YEAR !

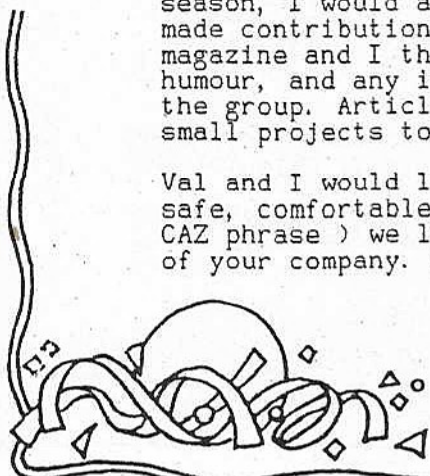
I wonder how many times you've said that recently. I know that Val and I have repeated it often, quickly followed by another oft quoted phrase "time always flies when you're having fun."

Looking back over our year I tend to agree that, although the year has been pretty rough for most of us, I have probably enjoyed myself more than I have for some time. I give credit for most of this to my 'enlightenment' with Amateur Radio and in particular B.A.R.G. and the friendship and assistance that is freely offered by the members. We have a fine hobby.

In wishing everybody the very best of good wishes for the ensuing festive season, I would also like to thank those who have helped me with, or have made contributions to, the Newsletter during the year. It is the members' magazine and I think that it should reflect your ideas, thoughts, projects, humour, and any items that you may feel would be of interest to others in the group. Articles are always welcome, especially activity reports or small projects to build.

Val and I would like to wish all B.A.R.G. members and their families a very safe, comfortable, and enjoyable Festive Season and (here is an oft quoted CAZ phrase) we look forward to the next time when we can have the pleasure of your company. MERRY XMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

73 de Norm (VK3LBA) and Val





B. A. R. G. CALLSIGNS

The following is a list of callsigns held by B. A. R. G. members as at the 13th. November 1992.

You may find it of some benefit to remove this page and pin it to the shack wall for reference. Could you please notify any errors or alterations.

A	VK3 AAI - Murray	F	VK3 FD - Ian	V	VK3 VAG - Jim
	VK3 AAP - Bud		VK3 FGC - Gordon		VK3 VBA - Doug
	VK3 ABI - Gordon		VK3 FIO - Ian		VK3 VEJ - Doug
	VK3 ABK - Dick		VK3 FMC - Mary		VK3 VEN - Richard
	VK3 ACC - Roger		VK3 FR - Peter		VK3 VU - Dick
	VK3 ACL - ?		VK3 PRO - Eric		VK3 WN - Kevin
	VK3 ADB - Geoff	J	VK3 JON - ?	X	VK3 XAH - Adrian
	VK3 ADG - Woody		VK3 KAV - Ken		VK3 XDG - Daryl
	VK3 ADX - Merv		VK3 KAW - Merv		VK3 XEX - Maurie
	VK3 AEX - Dick		VK3 KAY - Doug	Y	VK3 YJM - Jeff
	VK3 AKS - Peter		VK3 KG - Kevin		VK3 YMW - Max
	VK3 AMC - David		VK3 KGL - Harry		VK3 YNB - David
	VK3 ANH - Jim		VK3 KHN - Robert	Z	VK3 ZCO - John
	VK3 AOM - Phil		VK3 KIT - Leon		VK3 ZHH - Ron
	VK3 ASU - Des		VK3 KJH - Jim		
	VK3 ATA - Ken		VK3 KL - Laurie	4	VK2 CLM - Leo
	VK3 AXH - Ian		VK3 KOB - Brian	4	VK4 CMC - Charlie
B	VK3 BNC - Bob		VK3 KOF - Fred		
	VK3 BQC - Ian		VK3 KQG - Neil		
	VK3 BSL - Bill		VK3 KY - Ivor		
	VK3 CAZ - Reg	L	VK3 LBA - Norm		
	VK3 CCB - Cliff		VK3 LDB - Daniel		
	VK3 CFB - Jim		VK3 LDC - Dick		
	VK3 CFD - Ian		VK3 LU - Jeff		
	VK3 CFF - Frank	M	VK3 MGR - Danny		
	VK3 CFH - John		VK3 MID - Bob		
	VK3 CFI - Maggie		VK3 MIJ - David		
	VK3 CIS - Ian		VK3 MKH - Kelly		
	VK3 CJB - John	N	VK3 NBM - Barry		
	VK3 CJH - John		VK3 NIZ - Ted		
	VK3 CRD - Reg		VK3 NLY - Laurie		
	VK3 CUH - Neville		VK3 NTA - Trevor		
	VK3 CYD - Clem		VK3 NWN - Keith		
D	VK3 DAL - Peter	P	VK3 NYD - Les		
	VK3 DCS - Charlie		VK3 PAF - Jeff		
	VK3 DET - Lou		VK3 PDA - Ken		
	VK3 DFI - Lou		VK3 PDB - Debbie		
	VK3 DIE - Greg		VK3 PH - Bill		
	VK3 DLO - Laurie		VK3 PRJ - Ron		
	VK3 DMK - Tom		VK3 PUD - John		
	VK3 DOK - George		VK3 PUI - Ian		
	VK3 DS - George	S	VK3 SE - Stan		
E	VK3 EF - Ian	T	VK3 TDG - Dennis		
	VK3 EHP - Damien		VK3 TOP - Ben		
	VK3 ESM - Steven		VK3 TU - Bert		



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The *Washington Monthly* has published an item which had been sent out to I.B.M. field engineers in regard to the replacement of certain sensitive devices. (We should emphasise that it was not, to the best of our knowledge, intended to be humorous.)

MEMO - SUBJECT: MOUSE BALLS

"Because of the delicate nature of this procedure, replacement of mouse balls should only be attempted by properly trained personnel Ball removal procedures differ depending on the manufacturer of the mouse. Foreign balls can be replaced using the pop-off method. Domestic balls are replaced using the twist-off method. Mouse balls are not usually static sensitive, however excessive handling can result in a sudden discharge It is recommended that each replacer have a spare pair of balls for maintaining optimum customer satisfaction, and that any customer missing his balls should suspect local personnel."

Blame Daryl VK3XDQ (AMSAT-UK OSCAR News April 1992.)

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HELL - I'M TIRED

Yes, I'm tired. For several years now I've been blaming it on middle age, poor blood, lack of vitamins, air pollution, saccharin, obesity, dieting, wax build-up and other maladies that make you wonder if life really is worth living.

But now I find out that I'm tired because I'm overworked !

The population of this country is 17 million but 6 million are retired. That leaves 11 million to do the work.
Then there are 4 million at school. That leaves 7 million to do the work.
Of this total 1 million are unemployed and 3 million are employed by the government. That leaves 3 million to do all the work.
Take from that the total of 2 million employed by councils and local authorities and that leaves 1 million to do all the work.
Now there are 620,000 in Hospitals and 379,998 in Prisons.
That leaves JUST TWO PEOPLE TO DO ALL OF THE WORK.
Just YOU and ME and you're sitting on your backside reading this.

NO WONDER I'M BLOODY TIRED.

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DICTIONARY: OHM COOKING - The result of a resistor overheating.

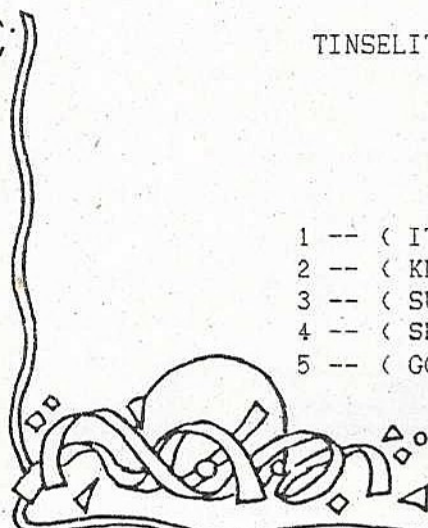
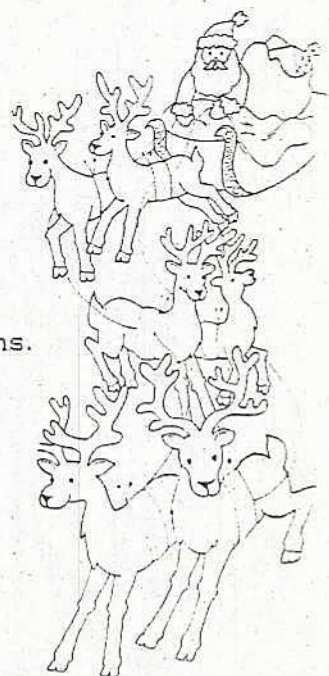
CATERING DISTRIBUTOR: - A pi-network.

TINSELITUS: What pets get if they eat the Xmas decorations.

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ENGLISH / JAPANESE - NUMERALS

1 -- (ITCHY)	6 -- (ROCK)
2 -- (KNEE)	7 -- (HITCH)
3 -- (SUN)	8 -- (HATCH)
4 -- (SHE)	9 -- (Q)
5 -- (GO)	10 -- (JEW)
59 -- (GO - Q)	



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YOUR FIRST WIRELESS SET

WHEN YOU HAVE YOUR FIRST WIRELESS SET INSTALLED FOR YOU—



DO NOT DELAY—



TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE—



OF ITS ENTERTAINMENT—



FOR ONCE—



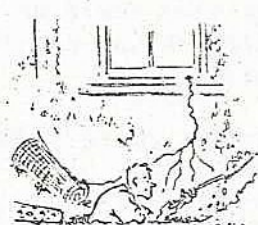
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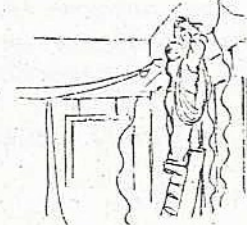
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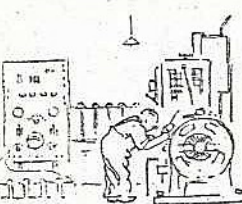
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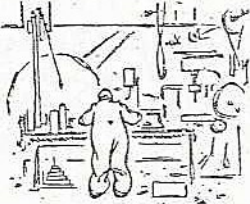
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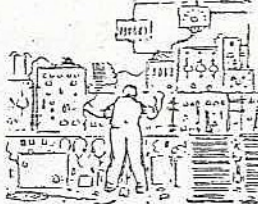
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HAVE—



MUCH—



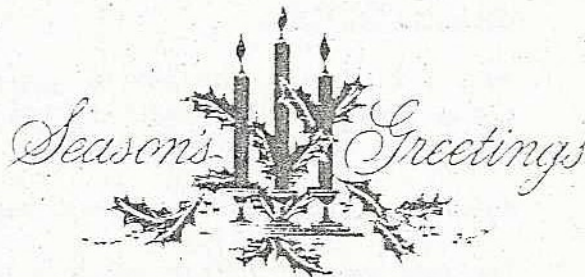
LEISURE FOR LISTENING.



MERRY XMAS

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AND GOOD DX



Cartoons from Gordon VK3FGC
(ex London Punch)

Wordsearch from Geoff VK3ADB
(ex 10-10 magazine)

WORD SEARCH FOR ANTENNAE

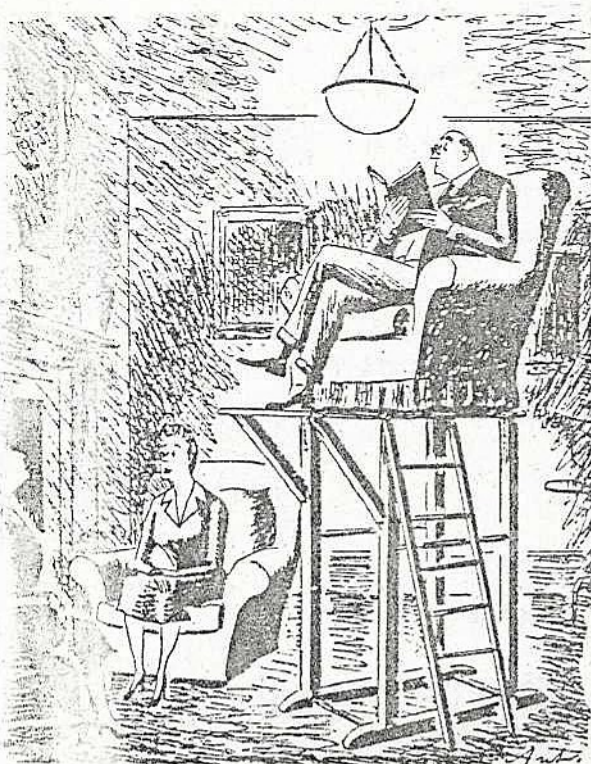
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BALANCED LINE
CURRENT
ELEMENT
PHASE
VOLTAGE

BETAMATCH
DIRECTOR
FEEDLINE
POLARISATION
VSWR

BOOM
DRIVE ELEMENT
GAMMAMATCH
SELECTIVITY

COAX
DUMMY LOAD
IMPEDENCE
VERTICAL



"A husband's no good as an electrician, but he's
terrible at carpentry" (1946)

COMING EVENTS

December:

3rd. Exam Revision
8th: Examinations

11th: Xmas Natter Night
(see Notice Board)
18th. Last Scramble 1992
20th. Ross Hull Contest

25th: Santa comes.

January 1993:

1st: Happy New Year!
29th: BARG Meeting
31st. Scramble starts '93

February:

18th. Novice Course
commences.

*21st: Begonia Rally
12th.: Natter Night
26th: BARG Meeting

March:

*John Moyle Contest
12th. Natter Night
26th: BARG Meeting

April:

5th. Good Friday
16th: Natter Night
30th: BARG Meeting

May:

14th: Natter Night
28th: BARG Meeting
(Junk Auction)

June:

*Dick Smith Balloon
flight across Aust.
* Novice Contest
11th: Natter Night
25th: BARG Meeting

July:

9th. Natter Night
30th: BARG ANNUAL G. M.

August:

*14th: R. D. Contest
*15th: R. D. Contest
27th: BARG Meeting

* Dates not confirmed.

List will be added to as
time & information permits

NOTICE BOARD



XMAS NATTER NIGHT

The Natter Night on 11th. December will take the form of a B. Y. O. Barbecue at the Eureka Stockade from about 6.00 to 6.30 P. M. B. Y. O. Meats, Eats, Drinks, Chair, B. B. Q. etc. If weather is inclement the venue will be the S. M. B. Carpentry & Building complex in Davey St. (SEE MAP BELOW)

NOVICE THEORY COURSE

The classes for the Novice Theory Course will commence on Thursday the 18th. February at the Adult Education Centre (ex B. R. A. C. E.) in Urquhart St. Ballarat. Prospective candidates should contact Tom (VK3DMK) direct or via the Club for details re enrolment.

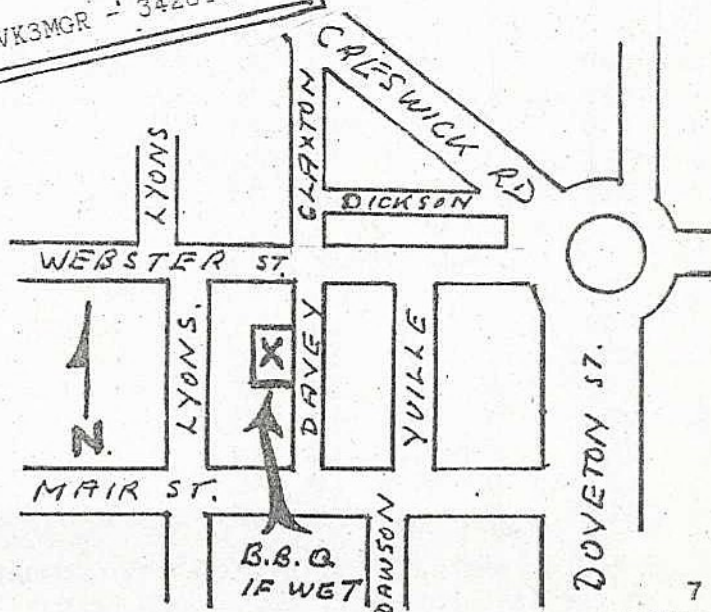
2 Metre Scramble

The final official scramble for 1992 will take place on Sunday 13th. December and this very popular competition will resume on the 31st. January.

FOR SALE

DIAMOND 2 METRE VERTICAL ANTENNA
MODEL F23A - \$150.00

Contact DANNY VK3MGR - 342818



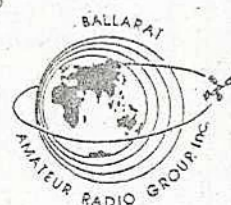
B. A. R. G. MEETING CALENDAR - 1993

JANUARY

SUN...		3	10	17	24	31
MON...		4	11	18	25	
TUE...		5	12	19	26	
WED...		6	13	20	27	
THU...		7	14	21	28	
FRI...	1	8	15	22	29	«
SAT...	2	9	16	23	30	

FEBRUARY

SUN...		7	14	21	28	
MON...	1	8	15	22		
TUE...	2	9	16	23		
WED...	3	10	17	24		
THU...	4	11	18	25		
FRI...	5	12	«N19	26	«	
SAT...	6	13	20	27		



MARCH

SUN...		7	14	21	28	
MON...	1	8	15	22	29	
TUE...	2	9	16	23	30	
WED...	3	10	17	24	31	
THU...	4	11	18	25		
FRI...	5	12	«N19	26	«	
SAT...	6	13	20	27		

APRIL

SUN...		4	11	18	25	
MON...		5	12	19	26	
TUE...		6	13	20	27	
WED...		7	14	21	28	
THU...	1	8	15	22	29	
FRI...	2	9	16	«N23	30	«
SAT...	3	10	17	24		

MAY

SUN...		2	9	16	23	30
MON...		3	10	17	24	31
TUE...		4	11	18	25	
WED...		5	12	19	26	
THU...		6	13	20	27	
FRI...		7	14	«N21	28	«
SAT...	1	8	15	22	29	

JUNE

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THU...	3	10	17	24		
FRI...	4	11	«N18	25	«	
SAT...	5	12	19	26		

JULY

SUN...		4	11	18	25	
MON...		5	12	19	26	
TUE...		6	13	20	27	
WED...		7	14	21	28	
THU...	1	8	15	22	29	
FRI...	2	9	«N16	23	30	«
SAT...	3	10	17	24	31	

AUGUST

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MON...	2	9	16	23	30	
TUE...	3	10	17	24	31	
WED...	4	11	18	25		
THU...	5	12	19	26		
FRI...	6	13	20	27	«	
SAT...	7	14	21	28		

SEPTEMBER

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TUE...		7	14	21	28	
WED...	1	8	15	22	29	
THU...	2	9	16	23	30	
FRI...	3	10	17	24	«	
SAT...	4	11	18	25		

OCTOBER

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MON...		4	11	18	25	
TUE...		5	12	19	26	
WED...		6	13	20	27	
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NOVEMBER

SUN...		7	14	21	28	
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WED...	3	10	17	24		
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DECEMBER

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MON...		6	13	20	27	
TUE...		7	14	21	28	
WED...	1	8	15	22	29	
THU...	2	9	16	23	30	
FRI...	3	10	17	24	31	
SAT...	4	11	18	25		

B. A. R. G. meetings are held at the Community Education Centre Hopetoun St.
on the last Friday of each month [except December] and commence at 7.30pm.